

**TOWN OF FERRISBURGH
SELECTBOARD MINUTES
December 3, 2013**

Members present: Loretta Lawrence-Chair, Sally Torrey, Steve Gutowski, Jim Warden, and Jim Benoit.

Others present: Bob McNary, Bessie Sessions, Bill Sullivan, Sue Duke, Tom Drumheller, Carl Cole, Gail Blasius, Silas Towler, Tom Denecker, Mike Capra and Mel Hawley.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M.

The position of assistant Treasurer is discussed. There is a need for an assistant treasurer for up to 20 hours per week to help with the increasing workload. The Selectboard, Auditors and Treasurer will interview candidates for the position.

Mel Hawley from Addison County Economic Development Corp. is present to describe the program. The local municipalities provide support along with state and federal money. There is a revolving loan plan. Their web site has more information.

Tom Denecker and Mike Capra from Denecker Chevrolet along with Mel are here to explain their proposal to hook on to the Vergennes sewer that goes to the Historic Vergennes Train Station at the park and ride next to the lot they plan to purchase. The only development on the lot will be the car dealership. They want the Town to know what they are doing and if it works out with Vergennes they will come back and talk to the Town again. If the plan doesn't work out there is onsite septic capacity available. This will be a much simpler plan than the one for the Monkton Road business. The Board wishes Tom and Mike good luck.

Mel has heard that the Town is interested in having Vergennes patrol the Town. The State Police are down troopers which hurts towns. The Chair contacted Mel Hawley in getting an estimated cost for a 40 hour per week patrol person and Mel replied that a patrol person for 40 hours per week, would cost about \$100,000 per year. The Board thanks Mel.

The VAST organization would like to use the Town Forest again this year. The Board has no problems with the use by VAST.

Old Business

The reserve balance policy is tabled until next meeting.

The Parking Ordinance is tabled until next meeting.

New Business

Silas Towler and Gail Blasius from the Historical Society are present to renew the lease on the Center School. They have the new lease for signing. Silas pays the \$1.00 rental. The Board thanks the Society for being wonderful tenants.

Jim Warden moves to renew the 5 year lease with the Historical Society; second by Sally Torrey. So voted

Silas asks how the survey for the Union Meeting Hall is coming. He will send his summary again to the Town. The summary stated that the townspeople wanted to bring it up to code.

Silas will check into getting a movie screen for the upstairs meeting room. He has asked the Maritime Museum to make duplicate coat hooks for the upstairs meeting room.

Sally Torrey moves to approve the following three Listers Corrections; second by Jim Benoit. So voted.

Sean A. Dike, Parcel ID#05/01/29.1, Long Point Road Ferrisburgh
From 2013 Listed Value: \$323,300.00 to the Corrected Value: \$258,800.00

Reed Hampton, Parcel ID# 13/01/09, 1492 Button Bay Road Ferrisburgh
From 2013 Listed Value: \$1,170,700.00 to the Corrected Value: \$1,187,248.00

Anthony Stout, Parcel ID #01/01/08.12, 382 Mount Philo Road Ferrisburgh
From 2013 Listed Value: \$420,400.00 to the Corrected Value: \$434,627.00

Sally Torrey moves to approve the minutes of the October 29th meeting as written: second by Jim Benoit. So voted with Jim Warden and Steve Gutowski abstaining.

Jim Warden moves to approve the minutes of the November 19th meeting as written; second by Sally Torrey. So voted with Steve Gutowski abstaining.

Sally Torrey moves to approve the minutes of the November 26th meeting as written: second by Jim Benoit. So voted with Steve Gutowski abstaining.

Sally Torrey moves to approve the warrant as presented; second by Jim Benoit. So voted.

The contract with Vergennes Area Rescue Squad is reviewed.

Jim Warden moves to approve the renewal of the VARS contract; second by Sally Torrey. So voted.

Public Comment

Carl Cole asks that since we are voting at the Town Offices could the Board ask the AOT to extend the turning lane from the corner up to the offices for safer access to the offices for voting.

Jim Warden moves to authorize Loretta Lawrence to write a letter to the AOT to extend the turn lane; second by Sally Torrey. So voted.

Bob McNary asks about the dog situation. Loretta Lawrence says that it is in litigation and they can't talk about it.

Jim Warden spoke with Judy Chaves about the Old Hollow Road Traffic Study. Bob McNary would like the Town to give the report to TAC so they could see the results of the report.

Auditor Smith will be at the December 17th meeting.

The meeting is adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Chet Hawkins Clerk